

Registering/Operating Motorcycles, Mopeds, and/or Motor Scooters on Fort Detrick

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IAW AR 385-55:

- Active Duty Military, dependents, government civilian employees, contractors, and retirees must complete an approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course (MDDC) before operation of any motorcycle, motorized bicycle (moped), and/or motor scooter on Fort Detrick. Hands-on training and a performance and knowledge-based evaluation are required.
- Active Duty Military must complete this course before operation of a motorcycle on or off the installation, on or off duty, regardless of whether the motorcycle is registered on post.
- Operators must have in their in possession an MSF card when they ride to verify completion of training.
- The required MSF training (MDDC) shall be provided at no cost to military personnel and DoD civilian personnel, but all others are responsible for their own fees. Personnel shall not be charged leave to attend the required training. *This training requirement excludes those operating motorcycles with attached sidecars and three-wheel motorcycles.*
- If training has not been completed, contact DCTEE, 1520 Porter Street, Fort Detrick Maryland to enroll in a scheduled MSF course offered for the Fort Detrick community.
- Once operators have successfully completed the MSF course they can register the vehicle for operation on Fort Detrick by providing the completion card to Vehicle Registration, 1520 Porter Street, Room134 to obtain appropriate decal.

Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course (MDDC)

Basic Rider Course (BRC)

This 17-hour course is designed for the true beginning rider who has little or no riding experience. It includes classroom and riding instruction on the basic riding skills and strategies necessary for you to begin to practicing street riding. You must be able to ride a bicycle to participate in this course

Basic Rider Course II (BRC II)

This eight-hour course is for individuals who have some riding experience and are seeking a Class 'M' license. The pre-requisites for this course include the ability to:

- Use the clutch and throttle to get the motorcycle in motion
- Stop the motorcycle properly in a designated area
- Execute gradual and tight turns
- Up and downshift smoothly
- Achieve a speed of at least 25 mph.

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

This six-hour course is for the licensed motorcyclist who wants to improve or refresh their skills. To enroll in this course, you must have a valid motorcycle license. The Class 'M' license is not offered as a part of this course.

The following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required by AR 385-55 and Fort Detrick Policy Memorandum FD 34-05 is MANDATORY for both the training classes and to operate a motorcycle, moped or motor scooter on Fort Detrick:

Helmets - Certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards & properly fastened under the chin.

Goggles and Face Shields - Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet. A windshield or eye glasses alone are not proper eye protection.

Sturdy Footwear - Leather boots or over the ankle shoes.

Clothing - Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.

Garment Visibility - A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered. Reflective belts, vests, or PT bandoliers is also an option.

Additional Information - Contact the Installation Safety Management Office at 301-619-7318 or the DCTEE at 301-619-2854 for further information.